

## BUFFALO CREEK AGENCY,

January 15, 1833.

Understanding that our agent, James Stryker, esq., is about visiting Washington, and will see our great father, the President, and Gov. Cass, the Secretary of War, we, the undersigned, chiefs of the Seneca nation, of New York Indians, desire to send by him our wishes in matters which very much concern our nation.

All our chiefs and our people have confidence in our agent. He has treated us well; has attended to our wants; paid us our annuities; and we thank the Secretary of War that he has sent us a man as our agent whom we can trust and go to for advice and assistance.

We have authorized him to express to the President and the Secretary of War, what we want in relation to ourselves—our situation, and our future prospects. He knows what arrangements are necessary, for the more convenient distribution of our annuities, and we have committed to his care some applications from some of our people, for allowance for military services, which they have rendered our white brethren, and to help them now that they are disabled by wounds.

On one subject we beg our father, the Secretary, to hear us. We have been informed that a treaty has been made with the Menominees, and lands provided for the New York Indians. We know that many of our people are desirous to secure those lands. They do not know how long they can be secure where they now are. The Government has been very good to us. Our father, the President, has been careful for us and our children. We shall be glad then to look at those lands, and to choose for our people, the Senecas, a share and an interest. Many of our nation already speak of going to the west, and we think it best for us not to lose the present opportunity. If the Government will provide us the means, some of our chiefs will go next spring, and choose land, and a place for the Seneca nation, on the land purchased from the Menominees.

Our agent, who carries this, knows our wishes. We will agree to whatever arrangements he may make in our name with the Government. We ask our father, the Secretary, to listen to his words, and to communicate through him, the intentions of the Government in regard to us and our nation.

YOUNG KING, his x mark.

POLLARD, his x mark.

DESTROY TOWN, his x mark.

LITTLE BILLY, his x mark.

JAMES STEVENSON, his x mark.

JOHN SNOW, his x mark.

On behalf of the Seneca chiefs and of the nation,

WILLIAM JONES, *Interpreter*, his x mark.

I certify that this paper was executed in my presence by the individuals whose names are hereto affixed, and whom I am acquainted with, and know to be principal chiefs of the Seneca nation of New York Indians.

GEO. BURT.

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